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School levy makes No. 5

Voters return to polls Tuesday to decide fate of middle school

ANNA NOTHSTINE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Just five days left.

That is how long before registered R-II school district voters will be asked to go to the polls and vote on a proposed tax levy increase.

The proposal increases the school levy by 44 cents per \$100 of assessed value for the next 20 years. This would increase the levy to the current district ceiling of \$3.73.

However, the 44 cent increase would expire in 2016.

Although the ballot does not specifically state where the money would go, supporters say it would go to build a new middle school.

The cost of the proposed new middle school is approximately \$6.2 million and it would be on-line in 1997-98.

One of the reasons some people oppose the increase is because it defeats the purpose of Proposition C, which was designed to provide money for education, while also allowing a tax break for taxpayers.

If the levy increase passes, the money will go to the school district for the next 20 years, instead of the taxpayers.

Although the proposal is a roll-back on Proposition C, levy increase supporters say a new school is

needed.

Educators said the middle school curriculum is good, but the classroom size and other physical features of the current middle school interfere with the students' abilities to learn.

The Maryville R-II Education Committee supports the increase. It has been releasing information to the public about the current facilities, the proposed new school and why it is needed.

There was no opposition group publicly formed to fight the passing of the levy increase.

Glenn Jonagan, principal at Washington Middle School, said things seem favorable for the new school.

"I haven't heard anything but positive vibes," Jonagan said.

Jonagan also said some of those who had previously voted against the school bond issues are willing to vote for the levy increase because they do not want the cost of further increases.

If the levy increase passes, the current middle school would be up for sale. If there was not a buyer, the building would be torn down.

WHERE TO VOTE NOV. 7:

• PRECINCT A & D: Margaret Davidson Complex, Davidson Square
• PRECINCT C: First Christian Church, 201 W. Third (Voters in R-II school district in Green and Nodaway Townships will also be voting at the First Christian Church).
• PRECINCT B & E: Community Service Building, 216 W. Third
• Voters from the North White Cloud Township will be voting at the Sears Building, RR4, in Arkoe.
POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



BRRRRRR!

Laura Horkey braves the icy winds to walk to class from her residence hall Tuesday. Rain and lower temperatures have made the walk across the Tundra a brutal one.

See page 10 for an in-depth look at the High Rise Hike.

JASON WENTZEL/
Chief Photographer

Steam problems pop up again

"We won't make it cost the students more if we don't have to."

Warren Gose
vice president for Finance

Pipe system causes defects by leaking gasses across campus

SUSAN LORIMOR
CHIEF REPORTER

Like a broken record that cannot be fixed, another problem was spotted with the deteriorating steam pipes.

The defective pipe was found last Wednesday and was located northeast of Martindale Gymnasium. Called a minor problem, it was fixed the following morning.

Jeff Barlow, director of Environmental Services, said the steam pipe problem was initially created when an outer jacket of the pipe failed. The

pipe, which ran back to the steam plant, was a type of pipe called a condensate return pipe.

The steam pipe system consists of two types of pipes: those transporting steam to buildings and those returning water back to the plant, or condensate return pipes.

"Luckily, the condensate is not as hot as the steam," Barlow said.

A six-to-eight-foot section of pipe had to be replaced, and Barlow said it was fortunate that the problem pipe did not run under the sidewalk because of the way it had to be fixed.

"We had to dig a big hole," Barlow said. "We had to be safe."

Barlow said the hole dug around the pipe was large enough to ensure the workers enough space to safely repair the pipe.

To repair the problem, a powered material called Gilselite was put around the pipe to seal it. This served as an outer jacket.

"The problem was minor," Barlow said. "We pumped the water out and put a powdered sealant around the pipe."

Although the problem may have been minor, the system will not be replaced until 1996, increasing its vulnerability to breakdowns.

"The engineer pointed out the problems," Warren Gose, vice president for Finance, said. "Maybe we'll have another (break) before next summer."

Another break would be unfortunate, but Gose emphasized that the University would have to wait on funding before the problem can be

completely fixed.

"(We'll have to) try to see what the state will give," Gose said. "We won't make it cost the students more if we don't have to."

The problem forced steam to escape from the underground pipes, creating an odor bothersome to some students.

"I had to hold my breath when walking to the Fine Arts Building because it stunk so much," elementary education major Tricia Fangmann said.

Another student, art education major Sarah Wieland, was also bothered by the stench.

"We could smell it clear up on third floor in the dance studio of Martindale," Wieland said. "It was a strong odor."

Board focuses on notebooks for instructors

JOSH NAUMAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

With the success of the EC+ program, the Board of Regents decided the faculty will become more involved.

Sixty new computers are to be ordered for the faculty as soon as University President Dean Hubbard talks to various computer companies and helps the Board decide which notebook computers to choose.

"We haven't decided on the exact company as of yet, but I would prefer that it has an American nameplate on it," Hubbard said.

The new computers will probably come from a different company than the original ones, because the old models have some problems. There has been a 17 percent failure rate of the notebook computers.

The computers will not be considered without a price for the faculty. Faculty members will need to participate in a computer course over the internet and give a full formal application for the new computers.

"This is the next step for the college to mature electronically," Hubbard said.

Hubbard will meet with Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan to discuss funding for students with fewer resources for the computer program. The new computers will cost \$150,000.

In other business, the Board finalized the new departmental name changes.

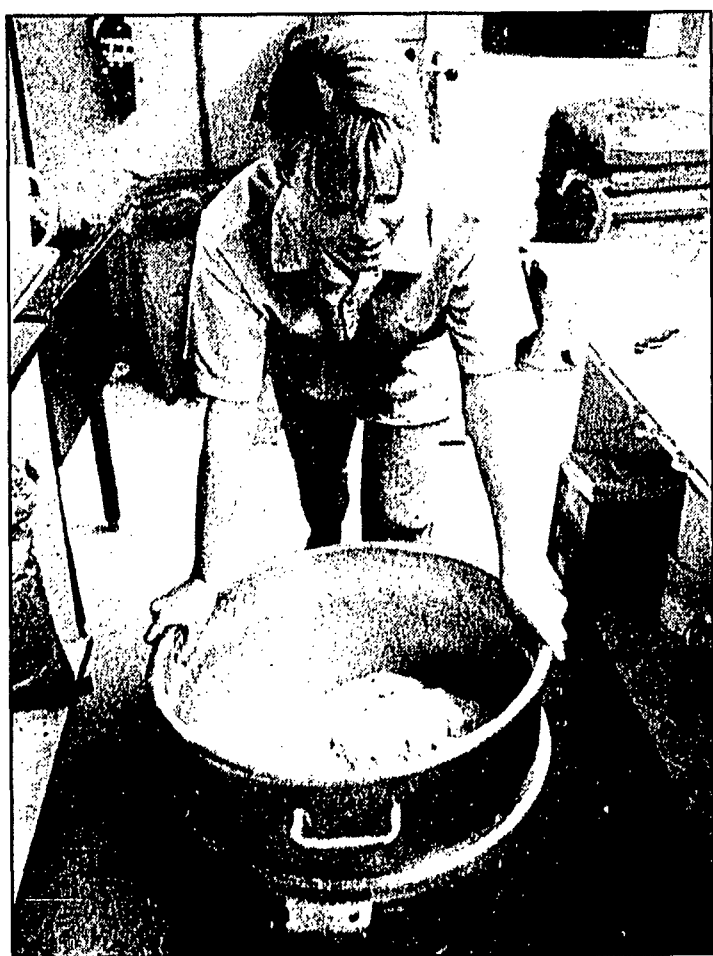
The departments of History/Humanities and Foreign Language have requested to change to the Department of History, Humanities, Philosophy, the Department of Modern Language and the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, respectively. The new names were changed to better reflect their true natures.

The Board also approved a plan for the University to provide educational programs to the soon-to-open Maryville Treatment Center east of Maryville. The University will receive \$300,000 for the proposal.

"The program will benefit the students as well as the inmates," Joseph Ryan, dean of college and education, said. "Half of the inmates already will already have their high school degree and it will benefit students by providing a place for internships."

The Board also announced that Student Senate is working with KDLX to form a petition in hopes of changing the programming policy of Classic Cable.

The two groups have also written to MTV to obtain more information about the station.



Pizza restaurant offers local flavor

Pagliai's has become popular 'Ville hangout

SUZANNE MCBAIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Best pizza in Maryville is synonymous with Pagliai's pizza. It is now one of the biggest and best hangouts of the town.

Before it became a big hangout, Pagliai's changed a few times. First in 1964, it was located across the street from Nodaway Bank under owner Ron Pagliai. But after two and a half years, Pagliai's was closed for bad business.

However, Tom Macelroy bought the place and called it La Pizza. This was not open for very long because in October 1968, Salvador Pagliai, the uncle of Ron Pagliai, moved the pizza place right next to Sonic on Main Street,

where it is now located and went back to the name Pagliai's.

Starting in 1968, several other Pagliai's restaurants opened across the country. Current owner Earl Brown had heard about the restaurant, which allowed managers to buy the store if they wanted to.

"They told me how much money they were making, but not the hours," Brown said.

He then moved to Missouri and bought the Pagliai's in Maryville. It opened on April 8, 1969, but at first it didn't look like a good investment. For two years Brown had a hard time getting started with his business. Finally

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It all starts here. Rebecca Casteel, a Pagliai's employee, makes dough that will eventually become the crust of a Pagliai's Pizza. The restaurant is located at 611 S. Main and opens for business at 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

SARAH ELLIOTT/
Chief Photographer

Our View

Publicity for events needs fresh approach

Did you know there was a featured performer at Café Karma last week? Or did you know when tryouts for Homecoming hosts were? How about the upcoming appearance by young adult author Chris Crutcher? Anybody? Didn't think so.

It is distressing for a group to put time and energy into finding acts and performers to come to Northwest only to have nobody show up. While the publicity machine of the University does work hard to produce the posters to promote events, obviously something is not working.

Take a walk down the floors of Colden Hall and you will find a bulletin board every seven feet or so. Each of these boards are filled with a hodgepodge of posters for various events.

However, if you look closely, the same posters are on many bulletin board, promoting the same events in

the same ways. What good does it do? It just clutters the bulletin boards, with each poster drowning out the others.

This leads to a phenomenon called sign blindness. No matter how many posters are on the walls, many people simply do not see them.

If this is the primary form of publicity on campus, many people will not know about an event because they have trained themselves not to notice the clutter on the walls.

To increase awareness of events, publicizers need to take different measures to attract

people. Perhaps one way would be to sponsor ticket giveaways. But please, don't advertise for these giveaways by putting up another poster.

Handing out a program guide at the beginning of the school year does not cut it, folks. It does no good to bring events to campus if the turnout will be abysmal.

CAMPUS EDITORIAL



Our View

Classic Cable neglects to consider customers

Take a drive through town and you may see the foundings of a protest forming in Maryville. Certain houses bear banners with the cry, "We want our MTV." Although it may look like a leftover house dec from Homecoming, it may turn into quite a battle between the new cable company, Classic Cable, and Maryville.

As the new cable system comes into town, it will be removing some longtime staples of basic cable, such as Music Television. While the company will be adding other stations, this particular subtraction has

angered segments of the town. In a town of 10,000 residents and 6,000 college students, removing MTV not only leaves a void of a certain kind of culture for many, but it also shows the company does not seem to care about its customers' wants.

While Classic Cable is within its rights to choose the channels, it may not keep as many of them with the kind of attitude it has displayed.

If people are really outraged about this cable development, they should write to the company. If a company receives enough letters, it would be folly to ignore them.

On a more dramatic level, people could also protest by dropping their cable altogether. \$22.95 per month times a substantial number of subscribers equals quite a dent in profits.

In Classic Cable's defense, the addition of the Disney Channel to the

basic lineup costs a pretty penny. To make room for that and other new channels, it has had to make some cuts. In addition, MTV's contract rates go up yearly, marking yet another cost.

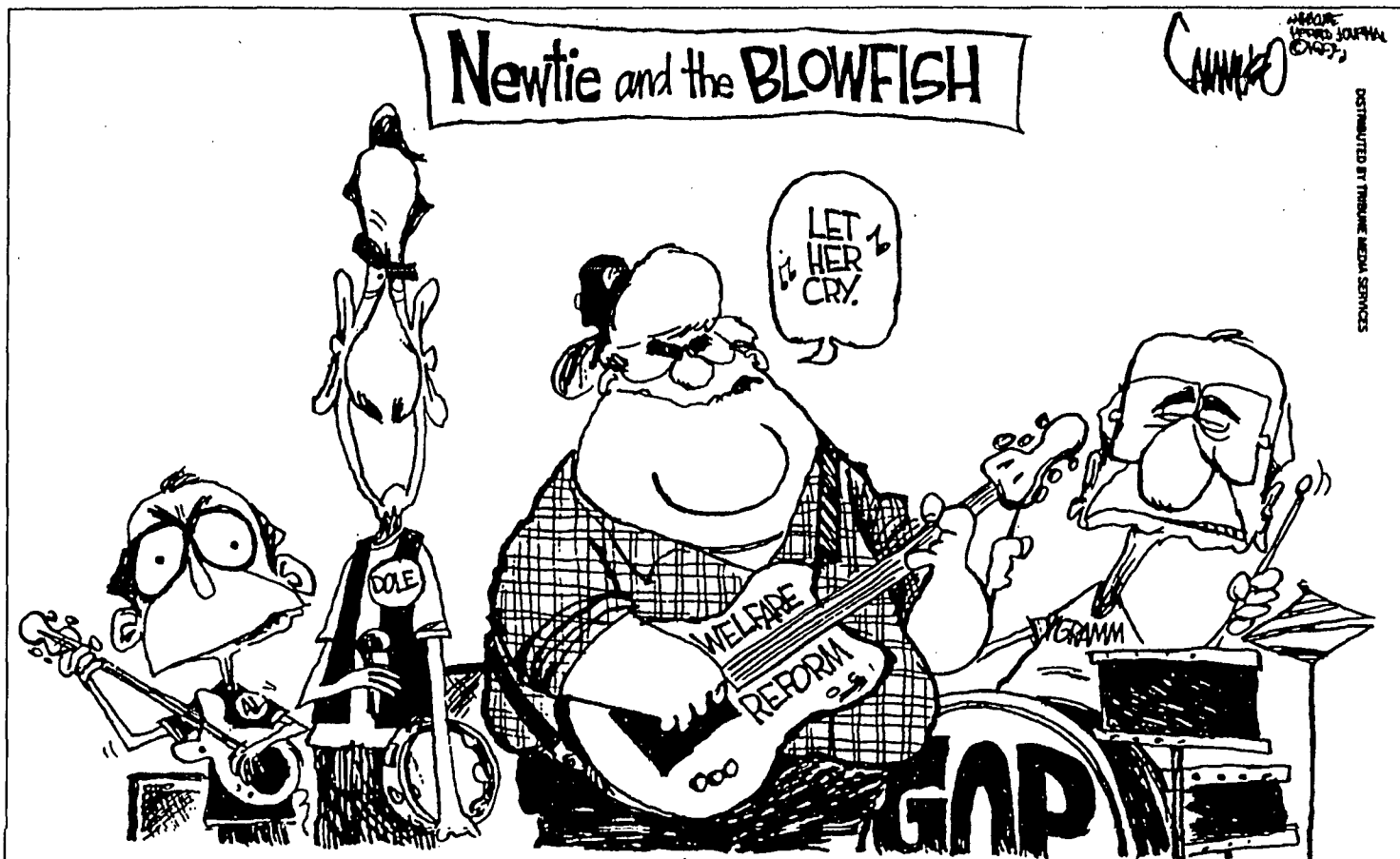
Regardless of these reasons, the company showed a lack of consideration in failing to ask

its new customers for input. However, it is now up to residents and college students to take action. If you are opposed to this change in your cable selection, write to the company — a company with unhappy customers will not last long.

To express your opinions about this, you can write to Steven S. Smith, president of Classic Cable

515 Congress Avenue, Suite 2626 Austin, Texas 78701 City Hall requests that you also send a copy of any letters to its office in Maryville for filing purposes.

CITY EDITORIAL



Letters to the Editor

We appreciate all the letters we have received, but please limit your letters to 200 WORDS, because of space constraints. We have the right to refuse and to edit letters. Letters must be signed and include the author's name, address and day and night phone numbers for verification purposes. Send letters to Wells Hall #8 or by E-mail at 0500214.

Future education depends on levy

Dear Editor,

In a world marked by rapid technological change, our school systems must also change so our children will be able to meet future challenges. Washington Middle School has established a progressive curriculum and its only constraint is the current building, which has served us well, but its incurring maintenance costs could be more productively used on program development.

Some of you have been critical of past proposals. The school board listened to these criticisms made improvements in the plans.

Many members of the steering committee for this bond referendum no longer have children or grandchildren in Maryville schools. They are united by their desire to build a stronger community and the belief that education is vital to that effect.

So, what will it cost us? If the school levy FAILS, the taxes on my modest home on South Buchanan will increase by \$73.11 next year. If the school levy PASSES, an additional \$35.02 will be added to my yearly taxes. I consider this a bargain price to pay for our children's futures.

The "blank check" referred to by the opponents is authorized by your friends and neighbors who serve on the school board.

I suggest that the opponents run for school board, so that they can take personal responsibility for this spending.

The time for critical analysis is over, let us assure a future for the district's children!

David McLaughlin

Levy will cost taxpayers millions

Dear Editor,

It is time to address the financial facts of the upcoming special school election. The school board is asking us to reduce the operating levy for school purposes, while increasing the operating level to \$3.73 per \$100 assessed valuation for 20 years.

The purpose advertised by the school board is to provide monies so they can issue \$6.2 million in lease hold revenue bonds to build a new school.

•Fact 1 - Voting yes will generate in excess of \$45 million in 20 years, which can spent without further voter approval.

•Fact 2 - The taxes on \$100,000 houses will increase when the 30 percent assessment and 13 percent school operating levy are in place, which creates a 47 percent increase in property tax bills.

•Fact 3 - Taxes are already going up 30 percent because of the recently state mandated reassessment of property.

•Fact 4 - The proposed, 44 cent/\$100 assessed valuation increase in operating levy, will raise your tax bill an additional 13 percent.

•Fact 5 - The school board or administration has not stated how the extra \$38.8 million will be spent.

•Fact 6 - The state legislature has mandated that property be assessed every two years, so property values and tax dollars collected can rise considerably faster than the projected 2.5 percent per year.

Vote yes if you are in favor of paying \$45 million for a \$6.2 million middle school.

A NO vote will still give the taxpayer a choice in determining how 70 percent of local tax dollars are spent.

James Lott

Remember the children's future

Dear Editor,

As we prepare to vote on the new middle school ballot issue, I would encourage the voters in the Maryville R-II district to ask themselves several questions.

First, does the present facility encourage or support educational improvement or does it in fact limit those improvements?

Second, will the proposed facility enhance

the educational opportunities for current and future generations of our students?

Third, has community input been encouraged and considered in such things as building design and site location?

Fourth, is the cost of the proposal realistic in light of the relatively good economic climate in the district and what is the probable cost advantage or disadvantage of further delaying the project?

Fifth, do we as members of the community have a responsibility to provide quality education including facilities and equipment for our students?

Let us remember although our students may represent only 25 to 30 percent of our present population, they represent 100 percent of our future. The quality of life many of us will experience in our retirement years will be affected by the quality of education we provide to current and future generations of workers.

My hope is that after you have asked yourselves these questions, you will decide the proposal is in the best interest of the community and that you will lend your support for the proposal in the coming days and vote in favor of it on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Robert E. Colville

Levy will allow better education

Dear Editor,

I hope this community realizes the importance of education and the opportunity we have, once again, to pass the Maryville R-II school bond issue. This goes way beyond who is right and who is wrong, who has their facts straight and who is distorting the truth. The fat is one school district in Nodaway County (Northeast Nodaway at Ravenwood) as well as many other school districts throughout the state have used this form of financing for education.

THIS IS ABOUT OUR CHILDREN! Voting "YES" on Nov. 7, is just one way the community can help provide quality education for our children going into the 21st century. It takes everyone's help to educate our children. I hope we do not expect our teachers to do it alone. As a proud father of two young daughters, rest assured I will do my part in educating and supporting my children and all the children of Maryville now and in the future.

John B. Byland

Letters lack important information

Dear Editor,

Two recent letters on the new middle school ballot issue seem to omit information that would tell a more complete story.

In Mr. Lott's letter, he states that your taxes are going up 30 percent due to reassessment. The true facts are that the district assessed valuation went up only 17 percent. This increase required a reduction in the levy of approximately 4.5 percent resulting in an increase of approximately 12.5 percent. Actual increases in revenue due to reassessment are limited by the increase in the Consumer Price Index to prevent taxing entities from experiencing windfalls through reassessments. Most of this information has been published over the past six months and all of it is a matter of public record.

Mr. Robinson, in his letter, states that the law was never intended to allow financing of entire school building facilities with revenue bonds. The financing for the construction of and equipping of the new Nodaway County Jail was done with revenue bonds rather than general obligation bonds, which was approved by simple majority vote of the people.

The financing package was put together by Nodaway Valley Bank while Mr. Robinson was one of its officers. He has either changed his position with respect to the use of revenue bonds, or we can infer it is okay to use them to build jails but not schools.

I would encourage both of these gentlemen to work with the district and the community to provide quality educational facilities for

current and future generations of our students.

Connie McGinness
city and rural property taxpayer

Middle School needs your support

Dear Editor,

The Middle School needs the support of the entire Maryville R-II School District.

Two letters against the new middle school in the Sunday *Maryville Daily Forum* contained numerous assumptions which lead to incorrect conclusions. The Maryville R-II Educational Progress Committee has consistently worked to inform the public on this issue because of its commitment to public credibility.

In summation, the Maryville R-II Educational Progress committee feels that this proposal is the best method possible to realize the dream of a new middle school. We would hope that the patrons of the District agree, and vote YES on Nov. 7 to enhance our school system and improve the learning environment of our children.

Thank you. Remember, your vote is important.

The R-II Educational Progress Committee

Board strives to serve community

Dear Editor,

As elected members of the Maryville R-II Board of Education, we realize that we are here to serve the citizens of the district. We are also taxpayers and want the best for our entire community.

We are concerned about the recent letters in the *Maryville Daily Forum*, which take exceptional liberty with the facts and tend to contribute to an "us versus them" mindset in the community.

Members of the Board, along with our administration and the Maryville R-II Educational Progress Committee, have responded with factual information and wish that the letter writers had attended one of the many presentations throughout the community or spoken to us about their concerns. They did not.

The Board of Education pledges this levy increase will go to build the new middle school. We realize this is a large commitment and encourage support from the patrons of the district.

Marilyn Griffin,
school board president

This letter was signed by the rest of the school board.

(This letter originally contained more factual information that appears in other letters.)

Letters reflect honest attitudes

Dear editor,

After reading the letters from James Lott and Ted Robinson regarding the school district's proposed financing plan, I for one have a far bigger concern for our community than our school buildings.

I would prefer people who have respectful, moral and honest attitudes toward their fellow citizens in charge of our children's education.

Have all our leaders gone blinky? Did they really believe some of use wouldn't question such a scheme? Laws are not made to see if someone can find a way around them, not even skirted around, to their own advantage. Laws are made to be respected and followed for the benefit of everyone.

Where would we be if we just closed our eyes and followed such leadership? Some taxpayers of other school districts who have already approved such a plan are discovering it was a very expensive mistake. Maybe we can learn before we go the polls.

Thanks Mr. Lott and Mr. Robinson! It is nice to know there are still some people around that our kids can look up to and follow.

Donna Hartman

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SCHOOL LEVY

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School levy important to our future

As one who has been involved with the Maryville R-II School District since July 1, 1994, and one who has over 25 years experience in school administration, I am aware of the problems school board members, administrators, faculty, staff and public school supporters face when proposing initiatives for the community. None of the members of these groups would ask people to raise their taxes if they didn't think there was a need.

Objections to the four previous proposals to build a facility to replace the Washington Middle School building included the proposed site, the size of the project, the size and design of the building and construction manager versus general contractor supervision.

The focus is now the method of financing, which leads us to the conclusion that the real issue is that some do not wish to pay more taxes. New public capital facilities and services in any community, whether new buildings, infrastructure or program services, will always cost money, which comes from local, state or federal taxes.

The Maryville R-II Educational Progress Committee, the school board and administration have attempted to inform the community on our current tax issue. An opinion letter in Sunday's *Maryville Daily Forum* listed eight facts, most of which simply don't compute.

We realize that facts do change when their premise changes. However, we have to use estimates in our projections just as the opinion writer did. We, of course, will be held accountable for our facts. The opinion writer will not be for his.

•Fact 1 - Voting Yes will generate approximately \$12.8 million, not the \$45 million the writer indicated. The current proposal would increase taxes 44 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Using this tax year and our assessed valuation of \$104,102,416, projecting a 2.5 per-



GARY BELL

Forum letter writer lists facts that do not compute on tax issue.

cent increase per year over the next 20 years would generate the \$12.8 million figure.

•Fact 2 - The taxes on assessed market value of a \$100,000 house will increase from \$625.10 to \$708.70 (an \$83.60 or 13 percent increase) not a 47 percent increase.

•Fact 3 - Individual taxpayers will experience different levels of increase because of reassessment. Although the opinion writer indicated that there was a 30 percent increase in assessed valuation implying a 30 percent increase in revenue, the actual assessed valuation of taxable property in the Maryville R-II School District increased 17 percent because of reassessment. However, by state law, the R-II District will only receive 3.1 percent of increase in revenue due to reassessment of local property. The highest voted levy in the Maryville R-II School District was \$4.25. The district is currently levying \$3.29.

•Fact 4 - Correct, this is a 13 percent school tax increase

•Fact 5 - This school board and administration are forming plans for renovations for Maryville High School, Northwest Technical School and Eugene Field Elementary School, as indicated in the strategic long-range plan. But not on this issue. We will address these

needs within a few years.

•Fact 6 - The issue only requires a simple majority instead of the traditional two-thirds or four-sevenths. However, it is a 13 percent increase, not a 70 percent increase and will stay the same or decrease, not increase.

•Fact 7 - The school board and administration have stated that the proceeds from the 44 cents will only be applied to building and equipping the middle school. Projected at an average 2.5 percent annual increase in assessed valuation, the 44 cents will raise approximately \$6.6 million above the \$6.2 million cost of construction expenses, not an extra \$38.8 million over 20 years. The \$6.6 million is the cost to redeem the bonds.

•Fact 8 - The state has mandated that property be reassessed every two years. When the value of property in a community continues to grow, it is an indication of the relative economic wealth of the community. Cost of other services also grow causing additional revenue needs. Reassessments done only every 10 or 20 years cause tremendous consternation for the taxpayer while not providing modest, consistent growth for agencies which depend upon that revenue annually.

Much soul-searching and prayer went into this recommendation. Two main considerations were at the forefront: 1) Are we being responsible public officials by allowing a generation of young people to live a good portion of their day in an outdated educational facility which does not meet fire safety codes? 2) By delaying a major facilities project, are we delaying the inevitable and subjecting our community to ultimately higher costs?

The issue is simple. Do we wish to pay for modern facilities for our youth, or do we not?

Gary Bell is the superintendent of the Maryville School District.

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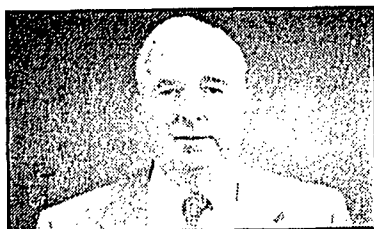
Middle school issue will raise taxes

This is *not* about the need for a new middle school in Maryville. There are plenty of good arguments on both sides of that question. This is about the procedure of lease-hold revenue bond financing that the School Board and proponents are advancing to build a new middle school. They are requesting the single largest tax increase in the history of Maryville.

The primary reasons Missouri schools use lease-hold revenue bond financing are twofold. First, the district may not have sufficient funds to do financing without a tax increase or voter approval. Second, depending on a district's individual situation, it is likely the tax increase will only require a simple majority for a voter approval versus the four-sevenths or two-thirds majority required for a general obligation bond. This was never meant to be used to construct entire school building facilities.

Voters in the RII District should note that this is the reason the middle school project is being presented this way. The price that voters will have to pay for this may be unbelievably high. A sample ballot for the special election asks voters to freeze the RII operating levy of \$3.73 per \$100 assessed valuation and that this freeze will be in effect until the year 2016.

Maryville RII Educational Planning Committee is sending our pamphlets telling voters that total costs of the project will be \$6.2 million and that the increase of taxes to a homeowner with an assessed valuation of \$80,000 would be \$66.88 per year. On personal property such as a car valued at \$15,000, the increase in taxes will be \$21.78. This information is partly correct — it only applies to property owners taxes based on 1995 assessed valuation. Beginning in 1966, assessed val-



TED ROBINSON

This proposal is the wrong way to fund a new facility.

uations in Nodaway County have been raised on average 30 percent.

Under Missouri law the property owners of the district will be reassessed every two years from now on, so the levy freeze of \$3.73 will be applied to 10 reassessments.

It would be reasonable to assume that property values would increase around 3 percent per year, making it obvious that over the 20-year period the levy freeze is in place, the district patrons will be paying ever-increasing taxes.

Estimates on this windfall have ranged in the millions of dollars in excess of the \$6.2 million that the district is asking for. Property owners could be paying as much as 50 percent more in property taxes before the levy freeze is over. This is a terrible price to pay for the chance to have a simple majority pass a school building proposition.

Remember, by vote the people would be agreeing to a 20-year freeze on the operating levy, regardless of how high assessed valuation might go.

The entire succession of events surrounding this question has been handled less than admirably. Now the voters are being asked to believe one set of costs when it

appears these costs are bogus.

Through a liberal interpretation of the law the property owners of the districts are being denied the only protection there is against excessive taxation. The school districts opening initiative was an open ended operating levy freeze that never expired. Now they have amended the ballot to let the freeze expire in the year 2016. There is no mention in the initiative as to how the tax money will be spent. This is giving the school district a blank check for the next 20 years.

Make not mistake about it, if there is a majority "yes" vote on Nov. 7, property owners will be paying 44 cents on an ever-increasing assessed valuation for the next 20 years with no strings attached.

Maryville has many residents on fixed incomes and this will be especially tragic for them. It's too bad that the school district would put the patrons who are paying the bill for the operation into an "us" versus "them" situation. In their zeal for a new school, the district is being disingenuous with its patrons. It has always been impossible to make a lemon into a banana.

The upcoming special election is wrong in its process and will extract too high a price for a new middle school. The proper method to use in a project this large is a general obligation bond that states a specific cost for a specific time.

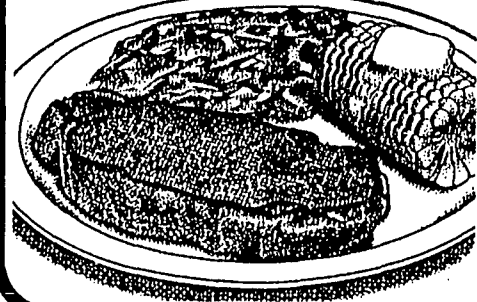
If Maryville is so opposed to the project that four-sevenths popular vote cannot be obtained, the district's administration should accept the will of the voters and not try and end run around the people which will cost property owners far too much and school board members and administrators their credibility.

Ted Robinson is the chairman of the board for the Nodaway Valley Bank.

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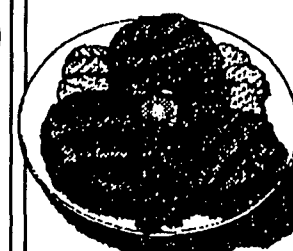
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Boneless Pork Chops



3.48
lb.

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Ground Beef Patties



1.28
lb.



Salad Time 1 Pound
Salad Mix

Fresh
California
Broccoli
bunch



Italian Pastry Crust
Tony's Pizza
14.8 to 16.5 oz.

89¢
2\$4
for



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White Only

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Green Giant Beans
Spicy Chili Beans, Red or Pinto Beans or Blackeye Peas, 15.5 oz.

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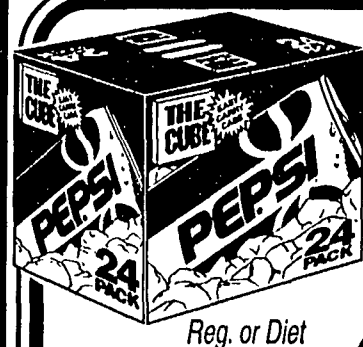
Keebler Zesta Saltines
16 oz., Assorted

89¢



Westpac 16 oz. Bag Frozen Veggies
Assorted Varieties

69¢



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Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 2

10 a.m. - Blood Drive in the Union Ballroom.
Junior enrollment begins.

Friday, Nov. 3

8:15 a.m. - CLEP, GED and MAT tests in Wells Hall 120.
10 a.m. - Blood drive in the Union Ballroom.
Last date to withdraw from the University.
8 p.m. - Senior recital percussion by Kevin Maret in the Charles Johnson Theater 8 p.m.
Junior enrollment.

Saturday, Nov. 4

Sneak Preview in Bearcat Arena.
10 a.m. - Winterization project at the Baptist Student Union.
1 p.m. - Football vs. Washburn University at Rickenbrode Stadium.
Cross country meet in Romeoville, Ill.

Sunday, Nov. 5

11 a.m. - All-campus worship in the University Club North.
3 p.m. - Lucian Stark guest recital piano in the Charles Johnson Theater.
5 p.m. - Sunday Supper and volleyball at the Wesley Center.

Monday, Nov. 6

Junior enrollment.
Missouri Fiber Artists Exhibit closes in the DeLuce Gallery.
7:30 p.m. - Café Karma Underground in the Spanish Den.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Sophomore enrollment.
7:30 p.m. - Comedian Peter Berman in the Union Ballroom.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Sophomore enrollment.



SARAH ELLIOTT/Chief Photographer

Blackout Beth Guderath, Shad Ramsey, Connie Juranek and Jerry Nevins practice for the Black Comedy performance's November 9-12. The cast

practiced in blindfolds in an attempt to get their movements down for the parts of the play presented in darkness.

Safety walk shows concern

CARRIE MCGEORGE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Environmental Walk on Oct. 26 provided many Northwest administrators the chance to look for ways to improve the campus.

A group of about 10 people met in front of the Student Union at 7 p.m. As the group walked around campus, people openly discussed the problems they came across and how they could improve them. Throughout the walk, participants made lists of areas they believed need to be improved or spoke out about their concerns.

"The walk is done to make sure everything on the primary pathway is OK," Tom Dover, director of Campus Safety said. "This way people

will use the primary pathway in case they are assaulted, they will more than likely be heard or seen."

Lighting was one of the concerns expressed, those included lights on the flags in front of the Administration Building and more lights on the Bell Tower.

Jeff Barlow, director of environmental services, said adding lights is difficult, especially with winter approaching. Concerns about lighting are usually put on a long-term list to accomplish in the spring. However, he said he was pleased with the lighting overall, although he did say some areas of the campus are dark.

Barlow said drain grates are also a concern because vehicles drive on them and make them weaker. He said

placing angle iron on the grates is an option since this procedure would prevent the gates from being moved.

Melissa Fletchall, vice president of environmental affairs committee, said she and a friend fell through a grate in front of Hudson Hall on Oct. 18.

"We were crossing the grate and it totally collapsed," Fletchall said. "It punctured both of our legs. Mine was worse and I had to go to St. Francis and get three stitches."

Barlow said sidewalks were also a minor safety concern, especially those in front of the Administration Building that are uneven and cracked. He said it is difficult to fix sidewalks because of the changing weather and vandalism

Play darkens theater, stage

JOSH NAUMAN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

It is British, funny and has people wrestling around in the dark. Don't worry, it is not some scandalous movie that you can't take your little siblings to. It is a play being performed next week at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Black Comedy" is directed by John Rude, assistant professor of speech.

"The play is a typical, farcical, British comedy that takes place in the dark from the actors' perspective," he said.

Black Comedy is about a young sculptor/artist, named Brindsley, who's only goal for the evening is to impress a millionaire and his future military-minded father-in-law. The lights go off which leads to mistaken identities and awkward situations.

One thing sets this play off from the rest. The play starts with the lights

off, which to the actors is perfectly lit. When the lights come up, however, it represents a total blackout for the characters. Thus the actors will have an opposite perspective.

"The performers must be totally familiar with their acting space since the stage will be totally dark for the first two minutes of the play," Rude said. "The performers also will be subjected to blindfolds (during rehearsal), which is the most challenging part of the procedure."

Theater major, Shad D. Ramsey portrays Brindsley. His fiancée, Carol, is played by Beth Guderath and the father by Kit Schenkel.

"Black Comedy" will take place at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9-11 and will continue through 2 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Mary Linn. Reserved seating tickets are \$4 for Northwest students, \$5 for other students and senior citizens and \$6 for adults. Tickets are available at Student Services and the Mary Linn Box Office.

Battle with rare cancer takes life of former dean

KEITH RYDBERG
COPY ASSISTANT

Throughout her years at Northwest, LaDonna Geddes, former dean of the College of Education and a former speech instructor, affected the lives of many people. Although she may be gone, long-lasting memories of her will keep her spirit alive.

Geddes, 60, died on Oct. 26 in Lexington, Ky., after a long bout with cancer. She also suffered a Sept. 24 stroke that left her paralyzed on her left side.

She was born to Walter and Ruth Schwinn McMurray in Du Quoin, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, John, and her mother.

John Geddes said LaDonna was diagnosed with macroglobulinemia, which is an orphan cancer, in January 1990.

John Rude, assistant professor of speech, said Geddes was always concerned about others.

"She was very outgoing, very interested in other people," Rude said. "She was an excellent listener and gave good, solid advice to students, friends, anyone who needed her. She was always ready to help."

Services were Sunday in Du Quoin, Ill.

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